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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 11-20 have been canceled, and claims 2-10 have been amended. Accordingly, upon entry of the above amendments claims 2-10 will remain pending and under consideration in the above-identified application.

Claims 11-20 have not been examined, but where instead withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement. Accordingly, Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute claims 11-20 and/or similar subject matter in a divisional application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kopaciewicz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,048,457).

This rejection has been overcome and/or obviated by the above amendments in which claim 1 was canceled, claims 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10 were rewritten in independent form, and claims 2, 4, 6 and 9 were amended to depend from claims that have been deemed allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claims 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim from which it depends and any intervening claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and notice of the same is requested.

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